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By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For a General Faſt.

GEORGE R.

WHereas we have found ourſelves obliged, for vindicating the Honour of our Crown, ſecuring the Trade and Navigation of our Subjects, and defending our undoubted Rights, to declare War againſt the King of Spain, and are determined to proſecute the ſame with the utmoſt Vigour, till, by the Bleſſing of God on our Arms, we ſhall obtain that Satisfaction and Security which we may hope from the Juſtice of our Cauſe; We therefore, putting our Truſt in the divine Aſſiſtance, have reſolved, and do, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, hereby Command, that a publick Faſt and Humiliation be obſerved throughout that Part of our Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland, upon Wedneſday the Fourth Day of February next, that ſo both we and our People may humble ourſelves before Almighty God, in order to obtain Pardon for our Sins; and may, in the moſt devout and ſolemn Manner, ſend our Prayers and Supplications to the divine Majeſty, for averting thoſe heavy Judgments, which our manifold Sins and Provocations have moſt juſtly deſerved, and imploring his Bleſſing and Aſſiſtance on our Arms, and for reſtoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Proſperity to us and our Kingdoms. And we do ſtrictly charge and command, that the ſaid publick Faſt be reverently and devoutly obſerved by all our loving Subjects in Scotland, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and would avoid his Wrath and Indignation, and upon Pain of ſuch Puniſhment as we may juſtly inflict on all ſuch as contemn and neglect the Performance of ſo Religious and Neceſſary a Duty. Our Will is therefore, and we charge, that incontinent this our Proclamation ſeen, ye paſs to the Market Croſs of Edinburgh, and all other Places needful, and there, in Our Name and Authority, make Publication hereof, that none pretend Ignorance. And Our Will and Pleaſure is, That Our Solicitor do cauſe printed Copies hereof to be ſent to the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Shires, Stewards of Stewarties, and Bailiffs of Regalities, and their Clerks, whom we ordain to ſee the ſame publiſhed: And we appoint them to ſend Doubles hereof to the ſeveral Paroch Kirks within their Bounds, that upon the Lord's-Day immediately preceding the Day above-mentioned, the ſame may be publiſhed and read from the Pulpits immediately after Divine Service.

Given at our Court at St. James's, *the Twenty Fourth Day of* December, 1740, *and in the Fourteenth Year of our Reign.*

GOD ſave the KING.

By the King,

A PROCLAMATION,

For Encouraging Seamen and able-bodied Landmen to enter themſelves on board our Ships of War.

GEORGE R.

WHereas it is our Royal Intention to give due Encouragement to all ſuch Seamen and able-bodied Landmen who ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves in our Service, We have thought fit, by and with the Advice of our Privy Council, to publiſh this our Royal Proclamation; and we do hereby promiſe and declare, that all ſuch Seamen not above the Age of Fifty-five, nor under the Age of Eighteen Years, fit for our Service, or able-bodied Landmen from Eighteen to Thirty Years of Age, who ſhall in Great Britain, Ireland, or the Iſlands of Guernſey or Jerſey, on or before the Fifteenth Day of February next, voluntarily enter themſelves to ſerve in our Royal Navy, either with the Captains or Lieutenants of our Ships, or the chief Officers on board ſuch Tenders as ſhall be employed for raiſing Men for the Service of our Navy, or with any Juſtice of Peace or chief Magiſtrate of any City or Town, ſhall reſpectively receive as our Royal Bounty, the reſpective Sums following, (that is to ſay) Every able Seaman the Sum of Two Guineas, every ordinary Seaman the Sum of Thirty Shillings, and every able-bodied Landman the Sum of Twenty Shillings each Man; ſuch reſpective Sums to be paid them by the Clerks of the Check, or by the Treaſurer of our Navy, in Manner following, (that is to ſay) If the Ships they enter into fit out in the Rivers of Thames or Medway, ſo ſoon as they get to the Nore; and if the ſaid Ships fit out at Portſmouth, ſo ſoon as they go out to Spithead; and if the ſaid Ships fit out at Plymouth, before they ſail from Hamoaze; and if the ſaid Ships fit out at any other Ports, ſo ſoon as they ſhall arrive at the Nore, or at Spithead, or in Plymouth Sound. And we do hereby require and direct, that if any ſuch Seaman or Landman ſhall voluntarily enter themſelves within the Time beforementioned, with any Officer, Juſtice of Peace, or chief Magiſtrate as aforeſaid, ſuch Officer, Juſtice of Peace, or chief Magiſtrate reſpectively, ſhall give to each Man ſo entring, a Certificate under his Hand and Seal (without Fee or Reward) of his Entry, and the Time of ſuch Entry, and ſhall thereby limit ſuch Number of Days, not exceeding Ten, as may be neceſſary for his repairing on board, and in which Certificates

they are to insert the Names of the Persons so entring, and to describe their Persons and Ages, and to mention therein the Time allowed them to repair on board our said Ships. And we do hereby declare, that such Seamen and Landmen, who on or before the said Fifteenth Day of February next shall voluntarily enter themselves as aforesaid, and shall within the Time limited and appointed in such their Certificates, repair on board, and remain in any of our said Ships and Vessels, shall be entitled to the Benefit of our Royal Promise as aforesaid, and not otherwise. And in such Case, every such Seaman and Landman shall be entitled to his Pay from the Time of his being first entred as aforesaid. And we do hereby require and command all Persons whatsoever that may be authorized or impowered to impress Mariners for our Service, that they do not impress or molest any such Seamen or Landmen to whom such Certificates as aforesaid shall be given, according to the true Intent and Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation; or any Man now in our Service, who by Tickets sign'd by the Captains of our Ships or Vessels to which they belong, have or shall have Leave to be absent from their Duty for any Time not exceeding Twelve Days, before which Time they shall not fail to render themselves on board our said Ships or Vessels whereto they shall belong, according to the Time limited by such their Certificates or Tickets. And to the End we may be truly informed what Persons shall so enter and render themselves to serve on board our Royal Navy, in pursuance of this our Royal Proclamation, We do hereby require and command our respective Captains, Lieutenants and chief Officers commanding any of our Ships of War, or other our Ships or Vessels aforesaid, and also all Justices of the Peace and chief Magistrates within Great Britain, Ireland, and the Islands of Guernsey and Jersey, to transmit to the Principal Officers and Commissioners of our Navy, exact Lists and Accounts of the Names, Ages, and Descriptions of the Persons who shall voluntarily enter themselves with them, and the Times when and Places where, and of the Times which shall be allowed them respectively for rendring themselves on board, and of the Times of their respective repairing on board any of our said Ships or Vessels. And we do require and command the said Seamen to repair on board their respective Ships or Vessels on which they shall so enter themselves, or to which they shall belong, within the Times limited by such Certificates or Tickets, on Pain of our highest Displeasure. And we are graciously pleased to declare, That Conduct-Money, according to the Practice of the Navy, shall be allowed to all such Seamen and Landmen so voluntarily entring and rendring themselves on Board, according to the true Meaning of this our Royal Proclamation. And we do hereby farther declare, That if such Men in our said Service, who are or shall be permitted to be absent by such Tickets as aforesaid, do not repair on Board their respective Ships or Vessels by the Time allowed by such Tickets, they shall not only be liable to be impressed, but to suffer such farther Punishment as by Law may be inflicted on them for such their Neglect. And we do hereby also strictly command all the Captains and Officers of our Ships, and others employed in the Impressing of Men for our Fleet, that they take particular Care not to impress or entertain any Persons whatsoever, who shall not be fitly qualified to serve in our Royal Navy. And for preventing of any Deceits or Abuses which may happen by any Person or Persons leaving the Ships to which they belong, and entring him or themselves on Board any other of our Ships as aforesaid, in order to obtain the Bounty-Money herein before granted; We do hereby direct, declare, and command, That such Seamen and Landmen belonging to any of our Ships or Vessels whatsoever, as shall absent themselves from any of the Ships or Vessels to which they shall belong, and shall enter themselves on Board any other of our Ships or Vessels in order to obtain the said Bounty-Money, shall not only lose the Wages due to them in the Ships they shall so leave, but also be severely punished according to their Demerits. And whereas it has been often found, that in Time of War great Numbers of Seamen, and also of Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen fit for our Sea Service, have left the usual Places of their Abode, and have removed themselves into private and obscure Places, endeavouring thereby to avoid the publick Service, when there is the greatest Occasion for them: We do hereby require and command all our Justices of the Peace, Mayors, Bailiffs, Magistrates, Constables and other Officers, that they not only give all necessary Assistance to our Officers employed in impressing as aforesaid, but that they do use their utmost Endeavours to discover, secure, and send to some near Sea-port Town, all such Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen fit for our Service, as shall after the said Fifteenth Day of February be found so absconding or straggling Abroad from their usual Places of Abode, and more especially in the Roads from any Sea-port Towns to London, in order to their being put on Board our Fleet in our Service, and that of what they shall do therein, they from Time to Time send an Account to the Commissioners of our Navy. And we do hereby direct the respective Officers of our Fleet, who shall receive such Seamen, Watermen, Bargemen and Lightermen, to give Receipts for them, therein expressing the Names of such Men, and on Board what Ship or Vessel, and the Time when and Place where they are received. And the Commissioners of our Navy are hereby directed, upon producing (at any Port where there are Officers immediately under their Directions) the said Receipts, to pay to the Person producing the same, Twenty Shillings for each Man, and Sixpence per Man for each Mile he shall be brought if under Twenty Miles, and Ten Shillings for each Man that shall be brought above Twenty Miles, over and besides the said Twenty Shillings. And we do hereby declare, That no Protection of any Man in any Ships or Vessels employed in the River or on the Coast by the Commissioners of our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling and Customs, shall be in Force for more than Six Months from the Date thereof (except such as shall be signed by our Lords Commissioners of our Admiralty.) And we farther direct, That in all Protections the Persons be not only named, but described by their Place

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of Residence and Employment, and Service for which they are protected: And that any of them who shall be found upon the Water in any other Service than what they were protected for, shall lose the Benefit of their Protection, (except the Watermen belonging to us and our Royal Family, the Admiralty, Navy, Victualling, Ordnance and Customs.) And we do hereby require and command our Commissioners of our Navy, Ordnance, Victualling and Customs, that they do not protect more Men than their Service absolutely requires; and to renew all their Protections within their Reach by the End of the said Time limited for Bounty-Money; and to revoke all Protections by them or any of them granted respectively, so soon as the Service is over for which the same respectively were or shall be granted. And for encouraging Persons to discover Seamen, Watermen, Lightermen and Bargemen, who shall abscond or secrete themselves as aforesaid; We do hereby promise and declare, That for every such Man, who after the said Fifteenth Day of February next shall be discovered and brought on Board any of our Ships of War or Tenders for the Receipt of Seamen, the Person so discovering them, shall receive the Sum of Two Guineas for every able Seaman, and Thirty Shillings for every ordinary Seaman, from our Commissioners of our Navy, or the Naval Officers at the Port where he shall be brought; or if there shall be no Naval Officer, from the Collector of the Customs there. And whereas we are informed, that great Numbers of Mariners and Seafaring Men, our natural-born Subjects, are in the Service of divers Foreign Princes and States, to the Prejudice of our Kingdom; We do therefore hereby strictly charge and command all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever and wheresoever, (being our natural born Subjects) who are in the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or do serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel, that forthwith they and every of them do (according to their known and bounden Duty and Allegiance) withdraw themselves, depart from, and quit such Foreign Services, and return home to their native Countries. And we do hereby strictly prohibit and forbid all Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, and other Seafaring Men whatsoever (being our natural born Subjects) from entring, and do charge and command them and every of them, from henceforth to forbear to enter themselves into the Pay or Service of any Foreign Prince or State, or to serve in any Foreign Ship or Vessel whatsoever, without our special Licence first had and obtained in that Behalf, to all which we expect due Obedience and exact Conformity. And we do hereby publish and declare, that the Offenders to the contrary shall not only incur our just Displeasure, but be proceeded against for their Contempt according to the utmost Severities of the Law. And we do hereby declare, that if any such Masters of Ships, Pilots, Mariners, Seamen, Shipwrights, or other Seafaring Men (being our Subjects) shall be taken in any Foreign Service by the Turks, Algerines, or any others, they shall not be reclaimed by us as Subjects of Great Britain. And whereas divers Mariners and Seafaring Men have deserted our Service, We being unwilling to proceed to the utmost Severity of Law, in case they shall return to their Duty, are graciously pleased by this our Royal Proclamation to declare, that we shall and do hereby pardon all such Mariners or Seafaring Men who have deserted our Service, provided they do on or before the said Fifteenth Day of February next, render themselves on board any of our Ships of War, or Tenders employed in impressing or taking in Men for manning our Royal Navy. And as a farther Encouragement to them to return to their Duty, We do likewise hereby most graciously promise, upon their rendring themselves as aforesaid, the R set against their Names in the Ships Books shall be taken off and their Wages paid them. But in case any such Deserters shall not accept of this our gracious Offer, and render themselves within the Time aforesaid, they shall be seized wherever they can be found, and tried before a Court Martial, and upon Condemnation suffer Death as Deserters, without any Hopes of Pardon.

Given at our Court at St. James's the Twenty fourth Day of December, 1740, and in the Fourteenth Year of our Reign.

God save the King.

Stockholm, November 28. M. Bestuchef had Audiences of the King and Queen of Sweden on Monday last, in which he delivered his Letters of Notification from the Czar, and the late Regent; and this Morning he was to have a second Audience of their Majesties, to deliver his new Credentials from the Great Dutchess.

Whitehall, December 29.

His Majesty has been pleased to make the following Promotions, viz.

Francis Earl of Effingham, to be Captain and Colonel of the Fourth Troop of Horse-Guards.

The Earl of Crawford to have the Second Troop of Horse Grenadier Guards.

The Lord Sempill to have the Earl of Crawford's Regiment.

Colonel Huske to have the Regiment of Foot late Col. Descury's.

Col. Bland to have a Regiment of Dragoons in Ireland.

Col. Flemming to have Col. Bland's.

The Colonels Fowke, Long, Houghton, Price, Mordaunt, Cholmondeley, De Grangues, are to have the Seven Regiments of Foot which are to be raised.

And the Colonels Cornwall, Hanmere, Pawlet and Jefferys are to have the Four Regiments of Marines which are to be raised.

Col. George Churchill is made First Major to the Second Regiment of Foot-Guards in the room of Col. Huske.

William Douglas Second Major in the said Regiment.

And George Byng Third Major in the said Regiment.

Whitehall, December 30.

This Morning about Half an Hour after Seven of the Clock, Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales was safely delivered of a Princess.

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LENT-Preachers appointed to preach before His Majesty for the Year 1740-41.

Feb. 11	Ash-Wednesday,	Dean of the Chapel, Ld. Bp. of London.
	13 Friday,	Dean of Lincoln, Dr. Willes.
	15 Sunday,	Ld. Bp. of Salisbury.
	18 Wednesday,	Mr. Shuckford.
	20 Friday,	Dean of Litchfield, Dr. Penny.
	22 Sunday,	Ld. Bp. of St. Davids.
	25 Wednesday,	Dr. Younge.
	27 Friday,	Dean of Peterborough, Dr. Thomas.
Mar.	1 Sunday,	Ld. Bp. of Briſtol.
	4 Wednesday,	Dr. Whaley.
	6 Friday,	Dean of Chicheſter, Dr. Hargrave.
	8 Sunday,	Ld. Bp. of Chicheſter.
	11 Wednesday,	Mr. Bullock.
	13 Friday,	Dean of Wells, Dr. Creſwick.
	15 Sunday,	Ld. Bp. of Oxford.
	18 Wednesday,	Dr. Holmes.
	20 Friday,	Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Lynch.
	22 Palm Sunday,	Ld. Archbp. of Canterbury, or Lord Archbp. of York.
	25 Wednesday,	Dr. Heylin.
	27 Good Friday,	Dean of Weſtm. Ld. Bp. of Rocheſter.
	29 Easter Day,	Lord Almoner.

GRAFTON.

LENT-Preachers appointed to preach at His Majesty's Chapel at Whitehall, on Wednesdays and Fridays for the Year 1740-41.

Feb.	11 Ash-Wednesday,	Dean of Winchester, Dr. Pearce.
	13 Friday,	Dr. Thomas.
	18 Wednesday,	Dr. Knight.
	20 Friday,	Dr. Barnard.
	25 Wednesday,	Dr. Lavington.
	27 Friday,	Mr. Hayter.
Mar.	4 Wednesday,	Dr. Trevor.
	6 Friday,	Mr. Hay.
	11 Wednesday,	Mr. Williams.
	13 Friday,	Dr. Bearcroft.
	18 Wednesday,	Mr. Biscoe.
	20 Friday,	Dr. Galley.
	25 Wednesday,	Dr. Foulkes.
	27 Good Friday,	Dean of Exeter, Dr. Clarke.

GRAFTON.

Whitehall, Dec. 27, 1740.

Whereas Charles Cotton, Gardiner, of Turnham-Green, in the County of Middlesex, was, on the 19th Instant, between the Hours of Four and Five in the Evening, attacked by three Persons unknown, (one of them a tall long-visag'd Man, another a middle siz'd thickset Man, and the third a short Man) who forced him into an adjacent Field, and there held a Pistol to his Head, and robbed him of Forty Pounds Six Shillings and Six Pence, and a Wig, threatening to murder him. For the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the said Crime, His Majesty is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof.

HARRINGTON.

Notice is hereby given by the Agents to the Captors, That the Officers and Company of his Majesty's Ship Dolphin will be paid on Saturday the 10th of January next, on board the said Ship at Leith, their respective Shares of the Bounty for the Prize Nostra Senora del Chora; and that the Shares of such as are not then paid, may be received at Mr. Henshaw's Office on Tower-hill, on the first Tuesday of every Month for three Years after.

Advertisements.

THE Creditors of Samuel Sandford, late of Kingston upon Hull, Tobacconist and Chapman, a Bankrupt, are desired to meet the Assignees of his Estate and Effects, on Wednesday the 7th of January next, at Four of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Child's Coffee-house in St. Paul's Church-yard, to consent to the Assignees commencing one or more Suit or Suits in Equity, and submitting any Difference in Dispute relating to the Bankrupt's Estate to Arbitration, or to compound and agree the same; and on other special Affairs.

TO be sold to the best Chapman, by the 25th Day of January next, A good convenient House, with a large Malt House, Vault, Outhouses and Garden thereunto belonging, situate at Ringwood, Hampshire; and also about 500 Acres of Heath Land, called Barnfield, nigh to the Place aforesaid, late in the Possession of Mr. Philip Walter. Enquire of Mr. John Miller, Mercer, in Ringwood aforesaid.

THIS is to give Notice to all Persons that have pledg'd any Goods, of what kind soever, in the Hands of Mr. Christ. Rainolds, at the Golden Ball in Great Hartstreet, are desired to redeem all those that have laid above a Year, in two Months, and them of a longer Date in six Months, from this 27th of December 1740, otherwise they will be disposed of without farther Notice, the Person leaving off Trade. N. B. The Shop is lett, where Money is lent on Pledges as usual.

WHereas a Commission of Bankrupt is awarded and issued forth against Thomas Arch, of Stamford Baron, in the County of Northampton, Draper and Chapman, and he being declared a Bankrupt, is hereby required to surrender himself to the Commissioners in the said Commission named, or the major Part of them, on the 2d and 9th of January next, and on the 6th of February following, at Three in the Afternoon on each of the said Days, at the House of Thomas Darlow, being the Bull Inn in Stamford in the County of Lincoln, and make a full Discovery and Disclosure of his Estate and Effects, when and where the Creditors are to come prepared to prove their Debts, and at the second Sitting to chuse Assignees, and at the last Sitting the said Bankrupt is required to finish his Examination, and the Creditors are to assent to or dissent from the Allowance of his Certificate. All Persons indebted to the said Bankrupt, or that have any of his Effects, are not to pay or deliver the same but to whom the Commissioners shall appoint, but give Notice to Mr. Curtis in Stamford.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against William Launder, of Spittle-square, in the County of Middlesex, Warehouseman, intend to meet on the 6th of February next, at Three of the Clock in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

THE Commissioners in a Commission of Bankrupt awarded and issued forth against Samuel Lane, of the Strand, in the County of Middlesex, Haberdasher of Hats, intend to meet on the 31st of January next, at Three in the Afternoon, at Guildhall, London, in order to make a Dividend of the said Bankrupt's Estate; when and where the Creditors who have not already proved their Debts, are to come prepared to do the same, or they will be excluded the Benefit of the said Dividend.

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COLLEGE of ARMS.